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Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the first full paragraph, please insert the following heading: Field of the Invention.

On page 1, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

The invention relates to the use of the protein SLIM3 for binding to receptors, in addition a process for screening ligands, which bind to SLIM3, i.a.

On page 1, after the second full paragraph the following heading has been amended as follows:

Prior Art Background of the Invention.